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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF PETITION BY CROATIAN SEPARATIONISTS

1. A DELEGATION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CROATIAN INTERCOMMITTEE COUNCIL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES CALLED ON THE CONSUL GENERAL ON JULY 1 TO PRESENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER PROTESTING U.S. SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND URGING THAT THE UNITED STATES TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO DISSOLVE THE STATE OF YUGOSLAVIA PEACEFULLY AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CROATIAN PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN SOVEREIGN STATE.

2. THE VISIT FOLLOWED A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE CONSULATE THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY BY 200-300 SUPPORTERS OF THE COUNCIL WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, LOST SOME OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS SINCE THE CONSULATE WAS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON THAT DAY AND NO ONE WAS AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION. THE FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION PRESENTED ITS POINT OF VIEW DURING AN HOUR'S VISIT WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL, AND THEY INSISTED REPEATEDLY THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA WHICH THEY ADVOCATED WOULD NOT LEAVE THE COMPONENT REPUBLICS IN ANY MORE VULNERABLE POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION THAN THEY ARE TODAY.

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THE DISCUSSION, NEEDLESS TO SAY, WAS INCONCLUSIVE BUT AMICABLE, AND THE DELEGATION LEFT WITH EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION AT HAVING BEEN GRANTED A HEARING.

3. MR. DJ. AVDIC WAS THE COUNCIL SPOKESMAN ON THIS OCCASION. HE IS A MIDDLE-AGED MAN OF SOME STANDING IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. THE ONLY OTHER VOCAL MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION WAS

MR. I. JURIC, A YOUNG MAN OF ABOUT 30 YEARS OF AGE, WHO WAS CLEARLY THE BEST EDUCATED AND MOST ELOQUENT MEMBER OF THE GROUP. THE DISCUSSION THROUGHOUT WAS POLITE, ALTHOUGH NEITHER SIDE SHOWED ANY APPRECIATION OF THE OTHER'S POINT OF VIEW.

4. COPIES OF THE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ARE BEING FORWARDED TO EA/ANP AND EUR/EE.

5. THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION MEMBERS OF THE GROUP MADE IT PLAIN THAT THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IF NECESSARY, TO OBTAIN THEIR ENDS. AS IF TO UNDERLINE THEIR STATEMENT, THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM APPEARED IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD OF JULY 4: BEGIN QUOTE: POLICE ARE SEEKING AMAN WHO THREW FOUR DISTRESS FLARES INTO THE SYDNEY TOWN HALL DURING A YUGOSLAV CONCERT LAST NIGHT AND THEN FLED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING A DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 25 PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL. THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE CROATIAN SYMPATHISERS. END QUOTE.
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